



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

FROM: Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

Emily E. Heatwole
Director, Governmental Affairs

DATE: May 21, 2018

RE: Marching Band and Physical Education – S. 302

On May 18, 2018 Governor McMaster signed [Senate Bill 302](#) into law permitting school districts to allow students to earn the physical education credit required for graduation through marching band. To offer the credit, a school district must submit a plan via the Office of Federal and State Accountability's prescribed innovative course application documenting that all South Carolina Academic Standards for Physical Education are met through the proposed marching band instruction. The plan must be approved by the department prior to a district's offering the credit.

Implementation plans should be tailored to address the identified needs of the students served within each district.

If you have questions regarding required documentation, please contact Dr. Anne Pressley at 803-734-8574 or apressley@ed.sc.edu.

If you have questions regarding the legislation, please contact Emily Heatwole at 803-734-4066 or eeheatwole@ed.sc.gov.